



Information on Visas for Medical Treatment in the United States

Scheduling: Applicants seeking non-immigrant visas for medical treatment in the United States are required to schedule interview appointment online. For medical emergencies, we can provide expedited appointments on request. Our web-based appointment system, <http://www.ustraveldocs.com/ng>, allows applicants to obtain appointment dates online at their convenience.

Requirements: In addition to the regular documentation required for a non-immigrant visa, applicants will be required to provide documents pertaining to the proposed medical treatment. Medical care in the United States is expensive compared to Nigeria. An applicant seeking medical care in the United States will need to present certain information during the interview to show that he or she will not be treated at the expense of a governmental entity in the U.S. At a minimum, the applicant should present:

- A letter from a US medical specialist confirming an appointment and describing the duration and total projected cost of treatment. The letter must include the estimated cost of the proposed treatment and hospitalization.
- Evidence of ability to cover all treatment, lodging, food, and miscellaneous living expenses in addition to travel to and from the United States for any accompanying family members. This can be proved by demonstrating the patient has access to significant resources which are sufficient to meet all expenses. Alternately, the applicant can present a letter from the treating institution indicating that all expenses of treatment in the United States will be covered by the institution itself. The financial evidence presented should also cover living arrangements for any accompanying family members, noting where they will stay, for how long, at what cost, and who will pay.

Please note that providing the documents requested does not guarantee a visa for the applicant. Applicants seeking non-immigrant visas for medical reasons are also required to satisfy all other visa requirements of U.S. law. During the visa interview, all non-immigrant visa applicants should present evidence of their family, social, and economic ties to Nigeria that will compel them to return at the end of their authorized stay in the United States.

Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at ConsularAbuja@state.gov or LagosNIV@state.gov.